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- 1. ON AUG 4 KW IMPORTED PERSONNEL WERE REMOVED FROM HOLIDAY INN STAFF ACCOMMODATIONS (PARA 2'E' REFTEL).
- 2. MEETING CALLED BY SIMMONS FOR AUG 7 DID NOT EVENTUATE (PARA 1 REFTEL). AT AUG 6 MEETING CALLED INSTEAD HOLIDAY INN WORKERS REFUSED TO TAKE VOTE ON

PAGE 2 RUEBBRA6887 C O N F I D E N T I A L STRIKE ISSUE. SIMMONS COVERED UP DEFEAT BY ISSUING PRESS STATEMENT THAT UNION HAD DECIDED GIVE GOB TIME TO EXAMINE ISSUES. HE INTIMATED GOB NOW ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS IN ATTEMPT RESOLVE DISPUTE.

3. AUG 8 SIMMONS WROTE GOB PREMIER URGING GOV'T IN COOPERATION WITH USG INTERVENE TO INSURE KW DOES NOT CONTINUE TO VIOLATE THE SPIRIT OF THE US BASES CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENT AND TO INSIST KW COMPLIES WITH LOCAL PRACTICES

I.E. UNION RECOGNITION AND CONTRACT.

4. AUG 11 PERSTON GOB LABOR RELATIONS OFFICER MET WITH KW REPS WADE AND DIXON AND KW LEGAL COUNSEL SPURLING. HE URGED KW SET UP FUND FOR OR PAY TO KW LOCAL WORKERS ON NAS CONTRACT VACATION AND SUCH BENEFITS NOW PART OF UNION CONTRACT WITH PART OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. KW STATED IF PAYMENT THOSE BENEFITS STANDARD PRACTICE FOR CONTRACTORS WORKING ON NAS THEY WOULD CONSIDER PAYMENT OF BENEFITS. HOWEVER, PERSTON UNABLE ASSURE KW SUCH WAS

PAGE 3 RUEBBRA6887 C O N F I D E N T I A L THE CASE. KW FURTHER STATED IF SUCH WERE NOT THE CASE WHY SHOULD KW BE SINGLED OUT.

- 5. AUG 12 SIMMONS CALLED GENERAL MEETING OF HOTEL WORKERS DIVISION OF BIU. THIS IS SIMMONS OWN DIVISION AND HIS INITIAL POWER BASE. ABOUT 40 OF 4 THOUSAND MEMBERS TURNED OUT AND MOST OF THOSE WERE DRAGGED IN OFF THE STREETS OR SO A RELIABLE BUT POSSIBLY BIASED SOURCE STATES.

 MEETING DEGENERATED INTO A MASS OF ACCUSATIONS AND UNRELATED STATISTICS SAME SOURCE REPORTS.
- 6. AUG 13 PREMIER CALLED MEETING HIS OFFICE FOR 4 P.M. TO DISCUSS SIMMONS LETTER AND ARRIVE AT SOME AGREEMENT ON A REPLY TO HIM. CONGEN, MIN. LABOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, LABOR RELATIONS OFFICER AND HIS ASSISTANT ATTENDED.
- 7. REPORT OF MEETING PARA 6 AND COMMENTS SEPTEL.

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